In the meanwhile, in order to enable the State Government to meet the situation arising out of heavy rains during March, 2008, the Government of India has released in advance, the first instalment of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 37.115 crore to Kerala on 10th April, 2008.

The State Government of Kerala has submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance from NCCF for relief operations in the areas affected by heavy rains during March, 2008. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team was constituted, which visited the State during 5th-6th April 2008, for an on the spot assessment of damage and requirement of funds. Further action will be taken on receipt of report of the Central Team, as per laid down procedure for release of Central assistance from NCCF.

Involving civil defence in tackling disasters

3173. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARATIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has mooted a proposal to change the character of Civil Defence by giving its volunteers the responsibility of tackling disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have been consulted/asked help to face such challenges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI); (a) and (b) The Government have decided to involve the Civil Defence volunteers in disaster management in addition to their traditional roles. In this regard, Government have issued necessary instructions to the State Government/Union Territory Administrations that the services of Civil Defence Volunteers can be utilized by the State Government in tackling the disaster crises also.

(c) and (d) A Committee under Member, National Disaster Management Authority was set up to suggest measures to involve Civil Defence in disaster management.

The Report of the Committee was shared with the State Governments, who have agreed with the key recommendations on involving Civil Defence volunteers in disaster management.

Strengthening of CISF

3174. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has recently complained of shortage of manpower and latest equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to strengthen the CISF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Additional manpower and equipment are sanctioned on the basis of the projection made by CISF whenever a new induction, or augmentation of an existing unit, is approved.

Community policing to control crime

3175. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre proposes to promote community policing to control crime and maintain law and order;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of modernization of police force in different States with Central grant and how far has it controlled crime in different regions; and

(d) the details of Central help that has been given to Orissa for modernization of their police force during 2006-07 fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Home Affairs set up a Committee of Experts to draft a new Police Act to replace the Police Act 1861 which submitted the draft model Police Act in October, 2006. The draft Model Police Act, *inter-alla,* contains provision of community participation in policing in Metropolitan cities and in respect of Village Guards, Village Defence party and Community Liaison Groups in rural areas. The Draft Model Act has been sent to the State Governments for consideration and appropriate action.

(c) The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) is an important initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs towards Modernization of State Police forces, especially for meeting the emerging challenges to internal security in the form of naxalism, terrorism, etc. "Police" and "law and order" are State subjects as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution and as such it is the responsibility of States to modernize and adequately equip its police forces for meeting challenges to law and order. The Central Government has supplemented their efforts in a large way in controlling crime.

(d) During the financial year 2006-07, grant-in-aid of Rs. 38.00 crore was released to the State Government of Orissa under MPF Scheme.

SIMI training camps

3176, SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently arrested Student Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) activists in Madhya Pradesh have revealed that the banned organization had five training camps in the jungle of Khargone District and they are executing their operations across the country;

(b) if so, whether the role of active women SIMI activists indulged in motivating children to join the organization have also been noticed by the security/intelligence agencies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and